

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a CPU capable of controlling each of circuits, a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a switch for operating said reproducer, an output circuit capable of outputting at least an audio signal on the basis of the information read out of said reproducer, a controller receiving a signal representing the active state of said CPU, a signal representing the operating state of said switch, and a signal representing the reproduction output state of said reproducer for carrying out supply control of driving power to said reproducer and said output circuit on the basis of the three signals, characterized in that a signal representing the reproduction output state of said reproducer is outputted by a monitoring circuit comprising a detection circuit for detecting a reproduction output and a timer for outputting a signal indicating that a predetermined time period has elapsed since the reproduction output was not detected.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a CPU capable of controlling each of circuits, a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a switch for operating said reproducer, an output circuit capable of outputting at least an audio signal on the basis of the information read out of said

reproducer, a controller receiving a signal representing the active state of said CPU, a signal representing the operating state of said switch, and a signal representing the reproduction output state of said reproducer for feeding a power supply control signal on the basis of the three signals, and a power supply circuit receiving said power supply control signal and a signal representing the active state of said CPU for supplying said reproducer and said output circuit with driving power when at least one of both the signals is active, characterized in that a signal representing the reproduction output state of said reproducer is outputted by a monitoring circuit comprising a detection circuit for detecting a reproduction output and a timer for outputting a signal indicating that a predetermined time period has elapsed since the reproduction output was not detected.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The multimedia electronic device according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the supply of the driving power of said monitoring circuit is controlled by said controller.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The multimedia electronic device according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that said CPU is so constructed that it can output a command to said reproducer on the basis of application software operating on an OS.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The multimedia electronic device according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that said controller electrically switches said CPU and the reproducer when said CPU is inactive.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a switch for operating said reproducer, an output circuit capable of outputting at least an audio signal on the basis of information read out of said reproducer, a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal representing the operating state of said switch and a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving power to said reproducer and said output circuit on the basis of the two signals, said controller stopping the supply of the driving power to a predetermined circuit when said monitoring circuit detects that a reproduction output of said reproducer does not exist in a predetermined time period.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a switch for operating said reproducer, an output circuit capable of outputting at least an audio signal on the basis of the information read out of said reproducer, a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal representing the operating state of said switch and a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the

supply of driving power to said reproducer, said output circuit, and said monitoring circuit on the basis of the two signals, said controller stopping the supply of the driving power to a predetermined circuit when said monitoring circuit detects that a reproduction output of said reproducer does not exist in a predetermined time period.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving power to said reproducer on the basis of the signal, said controller stopping the supply of the driving power to a predetermined circuit when said monitoring circuit detects that a reproduction output of said reproducer does not exist in a predetermined time period.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A multimedia electronic device, characterized by comprising a reproducer for reading out information from a storage medium, a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving power to said reproducer and said monitoring circuit on the basis of the signal, said controller stopping the supply of the driving power to a predetermined circuit when said monitoring circuit detects that a reproduction output of said reproducer does not exist in a predetermined time period.

Claim13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The multimedia electronic device according to any one of claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 or 12, characterized in that said reproducer is a CD-ROM drive.